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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 1/29/2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Oath/Declaration

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective (see 37 CFR 1.175 and MPEP § 1414) because of the following:

The specification to which the oath or declaration is directed has not been adequately identified. See MPEP § 601.01(a).

It does not identify the city and either state or foreign country of residence of each inventor. The residence information may be provided on either on an application data sheet or supplemental oath or declaration.

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because it fails to contain the statement required under 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) as to applicant's belief that the original patent is wholly or partly inoperative or invalid. See 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and see MPEP § 1414.

The reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective because it fails to identify at least one error that is relied upon to support the reissue application. See 37 CFR 1.175(a)(1) and MPEP § 1414.

Claims 1-26 are rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration under 35 U.S.C. 251 as set forth above. See 37 CFR 1.175.

The nature of the defect(s) in the declaration is set forth in the discussion above in this Office action.

The applicant's offer to surrender the original patent is noted. The original patent, or a statement as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, must be received before this reissue application can be allowed. See 37 CFR 1.178.

Applicant is reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.178(b), to timely apprise the Office of any prior or concurrent proceeding in which Patent No.

6,060,446 is or was involved. These proceedings would include interferences, reissues, reexaminations, and litigation.

Applicant is further reminded of the continuing obligation under 37 CFR 1.56, to timely apprise the Office of any information which is material to patentability of the claims under consideration in this reissue application.

These obligations rest with each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application for reissue. See also MPEP §§ 1404, 1442.01 and 1442.04.

The declaration states that the inventor has not assigned any rights in the invention to another. However, evidence of assignment was recorded on 10 May 2002 to CDM EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION. Since this application will require a new declaration the application should now include the written consent of all assignees owning an undivided interest in the patent. The consent of the assignee must be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.172. See MPEP § 1410.01.

The submission establishing the ownership interest by the inventor and/or the assignee must be formal. There is no submission in the record establishing the ownership interest by either (a) providing documentary evidence of a chain of title from the original inventor(s) to the assignee and back to the original inventor(s), or (b) specifying (by reel and frame number) where such documentary evidence is recorded in the Office (37 CFR 3.73(b)).

A proper assent of the assignee in compliance with 37 CFR 1.172 and 3.73 is required in reply to this Office action unless it can be shown that the ownership of the Patent is entirely with the inventor(s).

Drawings

37 CFR 1.173 Reissue specification, drawings, and amendments.

(2) *Drawings*. Applicant must submit a clean copy of each drawing sheet of the printed patent at the time the reissue application is filed. If such copy complies with § 1.84, no further drawings will be required. Where a drawing of the reissue application is to include any changes relative to the patent being reissued, the changes to the drawing must be made in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this section. **The Office will not transfer the drawings from the patent file to the reissue application.**

This reissue application requests that drawing be transferred from the patented file. The Office no longer does this. The Draftsman has reviewed and approved the drawings in the reissue application. No further action is necessary unless changed to the drawings are needed.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the adjustability of the legs and the spring of each hinge must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter that the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The language of the claims must conform to the language of the disclosure specification. Therefore change "desk module" (24) in claim 1 to - - desk body - -. The language of the claims must clearly distinguish the elements of the claims. Therefore "a front and back panel" in paragraph (c) of claim 1 should be changed to - - the front panel and the rear panel - -. Some terms make the claims indefinite: "therein" at the end of claim 1 should be changed to - - in said compartment - - and change the semicolon to a comma in line 2 of paragraph (d). Some terms in the claims which lack proper antecedent basis and should be changed as follows: change "rear" to - - back - - in line 1 of paragraph (a) to provide antecedent basis for the back panel of paragraph (c) and (g) and to conform to the language of the specification, see column 4, insert - - a - - before "top" in line 1 of paragraph (d), change "the" to - - a - - before "top" in the second line of paragraph (f), delete "portion" in the third line of paragraph (f), change "a" to - - the - - in line 2 of claim 4, insert - - a - - before "bottom" in line 2 of claim 5, insert - - the - - before "two" in line 2 of claim 8, in claim 9 delete "the" before "bottom" and "left", insert - - a - - and delete "the" before "inside top" and "inside bottom", insert - - an - - and insert - - the - - before "two support" and "two spring". Change "a computer system" in claim 1, paragraph (h) to - - computer system hardware including a - - to provide proper antecedent basis for this term in claims 6 and

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7. Claim 1 is misdescriptive because in paragraph (a) the brackets are not in the opening, change "therein with" to - - and - -; in paragraph (g) the compartment is not bounded by the desk top 12 but by the top system panel (38), change "desk top" to - - top system panel - -; and paragraph (h) because the flat screen is attached to the desk top and is not in the compartment, change ", disk drives, and flat panel screen" to - - and disk drives - -. Claim 9 is misdescriptive because the desk top is not suspended by the brackets; change "suspended" to - - supported - -. Change "; and" in claim 9 to - - and is - - to make the relationship of the desk top to the hinges and front panel.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 15-24 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Schairbaum.

Claims 15, 20, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Lechman.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Roberts, Schweer and Crenshaw et al

Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 1-14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Anderson whose telephone number is 703 038 2202. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 703 308 24668. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 305 3597 for regular communications and 703 306 4195 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308 2197.

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October 24, 2002



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PATENT EXAMINER